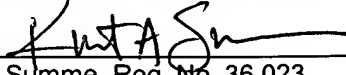




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In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith which is imposed by Rule 56 (37 C.F.R. §1.56), the art listed on the attached form PTO-1449 is called to the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above identified patent application. Copies of the cited references are enclosed.

Cited herein are two German patents: DE 201 19 879 and EP 0 350 429, which have no English translation.

EP 0 350 429 discloses a washing machine or a dryer that uses an asynchronous motor to drive the drum, as in the present invention. However, the motor in this case is directly arranged on the drum shaft, which has the disadvantage of the washing machine or dryer taking up a lot of space in depth. In addition, the rotational speed of the motor is controlled by frequency regulation of the supply current, which regulation is expensive.

DE 201 19 879 discloses a dryer with a rotary drum that can be heated, a drive motor that is designed as an asynchronous AC motor, a V-belt that transfers the motor-torque to the rotary drum, and V-belt pulleys that are provided on the motor shaft and on the rotary drum, wherein the drive motor has a plurality of poles.

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